New post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges to be set-up in Orissa

*28. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets set by Government to open new Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and new Telephone Exchanges in Orissa during the year 1990-91;

(b) whether the targets for the 1989-90 have been fully achieved; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) *Post Offices*: The norms to be followed during the Eighth Plan for opening of new Post Offices are at present being reviewed. Statewise targets for 1990-91 are likely to be fixed only after the exercise is completed.

Telegraph Offices:

200 Telegraph Offices working on phonocom are proposed to be opened in 1990-91.

Telephone Exchanges:

About 83 new exchanges are proposed to be opened in Orissa in 1990-91 This is subject to availability of equipment.

(b) and (c) *Post Offices*:

The targets fixed for opening of Post Offices in Orissa under Annual Plan 1989-90 has not been fully achieved. Since 1-4-1989, 18 branch offices have been opened in the State. Proposals for 81 more branch post offices and 7 departmental Sub Post Offices have been taken up.

Telegraph Offices:

97 Combined Offices on phonocom have already been opened and 20 more working on phonocom basis are likely to be opened by March, 1990.

Telephone Exchanges:

The targets for 1989-90 have been fully achieved. As against the targeted 21 exchanges a total of 29 exchanges have been commissioned so far during 1989-90 in Orissa.

Terrorist activities in Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir

*29. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been an alarming spurt in terrorist activities in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons killed in those States during the last three months, month-wise;

(d) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to solve Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir problems?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) Terrorist violence has contained in Punjab largely due to attempts of militant factions to gain supremacy over one another by creating a fear psychosis among the people. In Jammu & Kashmir the recent escalation in violence by the secessionists is largely as a reaction to the firm handling by the State